

<u>Date</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Amount</u>
June 30, 1995	Clinton/Gore '96	\$ 1,000.00
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Nov. 6, 1995	DNC	15,000.00
May 1, 1996	DNC	15,000.00
Aug. 19, 1996	DSCC	5,000.00
Oct. 29, 1996	DSCC	20,000.00
Oct. 29, 1996	DNC	<u>2,000.00</u> <sup>597</sup>
		<u>\$ 59,500.00</u>

Taylor testified that political contributions were typically approved by the tribal council and that he was involved in the process. Taylor personally viewed political contributions as a means of advancing his tribe's interests by ingratiating the St. Croix to the public officials who benefitted from the donations, so that they would remember the tribe when making decisions that affected it. Taylor denied, however, that any St. Croix contribution related to a specific matter pending before the federal government; rather, he maintained that the tribe had many interests that he felt would be well-served by such contributions.

After its \$15,000 contribution in connection with the November 1995 dinner with Vice President Gore, described above, the tribe also continued giving to the DNC in 1996. The St. Croix made a further DNC contribution of \$15,000 by check dated May 1, 1996, to serve as a sponsor of the 1996 National Presidential Gala. Records reflect that DNC received the check on

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<sup>597</sup>Tribal records indicate this check was sent to the DNC, but never debited against the St. Croix account.